

Affairs in Cuba.

The Cuban insurrection appears to be spreading like wild fire, and the western portion of the island is aglow with it. The forces of the three rebel leaders are continually augmenting and they are in some mysterious way supplied with men, arms and money. They are wholly deficient in artillery. Fresh troops are daily expected at Santiago, while the garrison under present control of the Captain-General is distributed here and there with all possible celerity. Arms in the hands of insurrectionary bands have been captured within a few leagues of Havana. The insurgents have taken possession of a town at the junction of Sagua La Grande and Cienfuegos and Villa Clara railroads, and have destroyed telegraphic communication. Bodies of insurgents are springing up in all quarters. The authorities rashly talk of extermination; withdraw their proffered amnesty and re-establish their censorship over the press, and seem to have quite forgotten that they may be driven to sue for security from it themselves. It is daily becoming more evident that the spirit of revolt is making headway toward the West, and that the means employed by the government to suppress it are only calculated to provoke it to intenser action. A fire of resentment has been kindled by Dulce's late proclamation, which Spain, with her own troubles on her hands, will hardly be able to extinguish.

The latest advices from Havana clearly indicate the authorities to be very suspicious of Americans on the island, and they doubtless believe the insurgents receive all their aid and comfort from this country, and hence we hear of the imprisonment of naturalized citizens, and restrictions being placed upon the actions of Americans in Havana—particularly upon those who desire to leave Cuba. The authorities are evidently becoming alarmed. Having tried for a brief time the soothing virtues of an amnesty proclamation without effect, it is withdrawn and the rigors of martial law established, and threats of extermination promulgated. This is all mere stuff, Signor Dulce. It is solely a question of force, just now, as to who shall rule the Queen of the Antilles. If you have the power to enforce your edicts and suppress your insurgents well and good, you win. If you have not this force, and we don't think you have, you lose. A little time only is required to settle the matter.